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Prologue

THE TIME OF GRADUATION is also the time of which the Senior Class of 1968 wishes to take advantage, in gratitude to all the people who have made our graduation possible.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO THE 1968 GRADUATING CLASS
MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Let me extend to each of you the warm congratulations of a former teacher who, in spirit, shares your sense of achievement.

You have laid a foundation for useful and satisfying lives. Before you get on with the work, I would like to offer a few thoughts that you may find useful.

The passion to succeed, to achieve great things, is strongest in youth. Heed it. Do not squander your lives in petty pursuits. Commit yourselves now to a course that will strengthen you for the trials and opportunities of life.

Prize your individuality always. Whatever your place in society, whatever your work, do not surrender your self-reliance or compromise your independence. Liberty is and always will be your most precious possession. Guard it well.

Direct your energies, your talents, and your desires to what is best for yourselves and best for your country. We look to you to redeem what is wrong in our national past and to build what will be great in our national future.

Let this be your wish: that you may look back upon this graduation -- from no matter how many years hence -- with the conviction that you have treated all men with honesty and goodwill, that you have put your heart into your work, that you have done your best.

Lyndon B. Johnson

In Memoriam

LON KENNETH ULVESTAD

1948-1968

Dear Graduates:

My sincere congratulations for completion of this first goal in your education. You have worked hard and have now attained this first goal which is in reality just the beginning of your true education and achievement.

The purposes and pursuits you will follow in the coming years will be of great interest to me. If you will heed the lessons and guidance you have had in these first years of your lives, your achievements and rewards in the future will be even greater and more satisfying.

Good luck and best wishes!

Sincerely,

Floyd J. McDowell

Superintendent

Principals

J. William Lenth
Department for Hearing Handicapped

Philip Vedovatti
Department for Visually Impaired

A MESSAGE TO THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1968:

Congratulations at this memorable time of graduation.

You have encountered and overcome many obstacles of frustration and challenge during your years of education at this school. By so doing, you are better prepared to execute your role as citizens in our society. I am sure that as citizens your efforts will reap the same rewards for you as you have obtained within this school.

Place before yourselves a realistic and worthy goal. Work toward this goal through a series of easily obtainable goals and you will eventually achieve your ultimate goal.

J. William Lenth
Principal

Administration

John E. Warner
Business Manager

Mrs. Winifred Wells
Secretary-Bookkeeper

Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell
Stenographer

Household

Miss Mary Roosa
Director

Mrs. Mildred Dalich
Assistant Director

Household Staff

FIRST ROW: Mrs. Cardelia Christopherson, Mrs. Lois Shanahan, Mrs. Antonina Studencki, Mrs. Rita Herbold, Mrs. Elizabeth Nordwind. SECOND ROW: Miss Cara Gift (aide), Mrs. Agnes Letcher (school nurse), Mr. Walter Herbold, Mrs. Ruth E. Matson, Mrs. Leona Music.

Household Staff Aides

LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Mickey Mane, Miss Pat Griffin, Miss Deloris Slonaker, Miss Joyce Jones.

Maintenance Staff

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Bruno Studencki, Mr. Ray Brady, Mr. Newton Shular, Mr. Vernon Hippe.

Faculty

Department for Visually Impaired

FIRST ROW: Mrs. Mildred Vasichek, Miss Mary Louise Kennedy, Mrs. Kris Fatka, Mrs. Mildred Stafne. SECOND ROW: Mr. Charles Wright, Mr. David Kapphahn, Miss Mary Tonya Young, Mrs. Viola McDowell.

Department for Hearing Handicapped

NON-ROTATING FACULTY

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. June Meier, Mrs Ada Somppi, Miss Ada Rankin, Mr. David MacArthur, Miss Diane Wheeler, Miss Lucy Seymour.

ROTATING FACULTY

FIRST ROW: Mrs. Betty VanTighem, Mrs. Zenora Erdmann, Mrs. Flo McCollom, Mrs. Flo Hippe. SECOND ROW: Mr. Robert LeMieux, Mr. Richard Mullins, Mr. Bill Davis, Mrs. Barbara Bass.

The Class of 1968

Class Officers

President	Sandra Sherrard
Vice President	Vivian Menefee
Secretary	Sheri Eckhardt
Treasurer	Karen Huffman
Department for the Blind Sponsor	Mrs. McDowell
Department for the Deaf Sponsor	Mr. LeMieux

Class Colors

Royal Blue and White

Class Flower

Red and White Roses

Class Motto

"It's what you do with what you've got, that counts!"

Senior Number Advisors

Mrs. McDowell and Mr. LeMieux

Last Will and Testament

By SHERI ECKHARDT

Let it be known by these presents, to all of you people of today, yesterday and tomorrow: That we, the Graduating Class of 1968 of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, being of sound mind and body, do hereby make this our Last Will and Testament:

I, Sandra Sherrard, leave my dancing in the class room to Ellen Hulet; my weakness for new style in dresses to Anita Sides.

I, Vivian Menefee, will her love of listening to music to Larry Smolik; my fondness of reading songs and poems to Jean Handy; my art ability to Judy Cox.

I, Karen Huffman, bequeath my initiative to Douglas Westphal; my song-signing grace to Nancy Burns; my conversations with the adults to Kathy Humphrey.

I, Sheri Eckhardt, bequeath my good study habits and love of reading to Judy Cox; my habit of oversleeping to Jerry Kuehne, and my beloved outdoor sports such as hunting, fishing and hiking to Douglas Harasymczuk.

I, Patty Breen, will all my good luck in school to Terry Hain.

I, Louise Beach, will all my colds to anyone who wants to miss school next year.

I, Donald Annis, bequeath my habit of watching television to Gregory Lakey, and my fondness of hunting and fishing to Douglas Westphal.

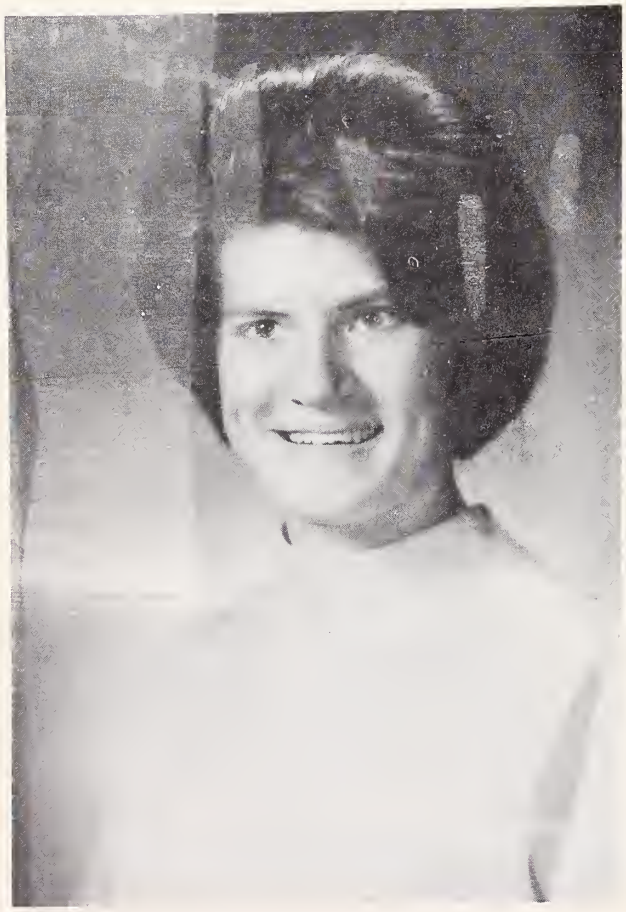
I, Alvin Short, leave my tinkering on old fashioned cars to Stephen Schrupp, and my enjoyment of sketching to Douglas Pederson.

DONALD LEE ANNIS
Chinook

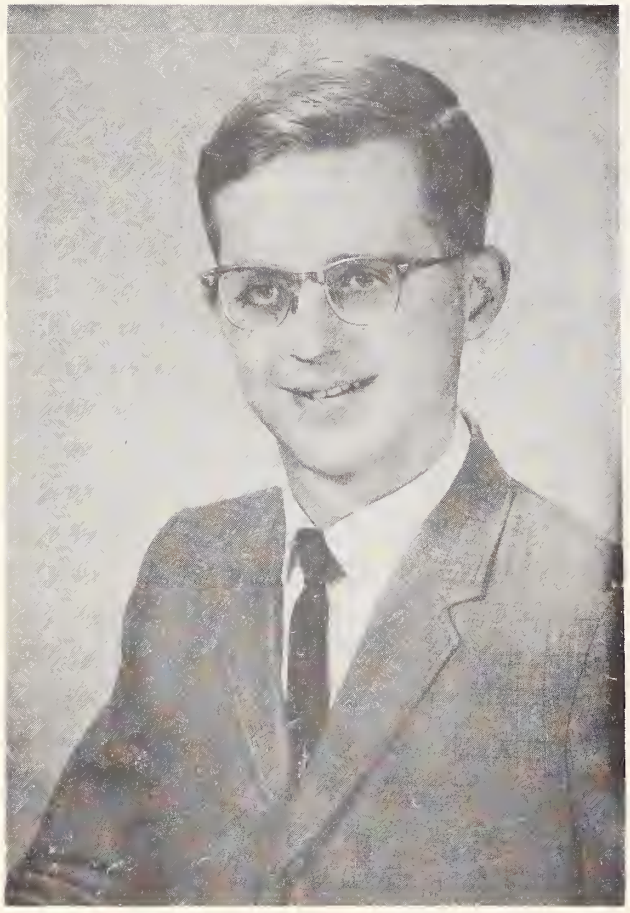
SHERI ANN ECKHARDT
Great Falls

KAREN LaDON HUFFMAN
Dillon

VIVIAN FRANCES MENEFEE
Livingston



SANDRA LYNN SHERRARD
Ledger



ALVIN BRUCE SHORT
Great Falls

LOUISE JEAN BEACH
Great Falls

PATRICIA KAY BREEN
Hathaway

Class of 1968 Analysis

SENIOR	NICKNAME	WEAKNESS	PET PEEVE	FAVORITE FOOD	FAVORITE SPORT	FAVORITE SAYING	FAVORITE SUBJECT	HOBBY	AMBITION
Donald Annis	Don	Pretty girls	Go to bed early	Beef	Horseback riding Football	What for?	Mathematics	Watching T.V. Playing games	Rancher
Sheri Eckhardt	Sheri	Studying	Being bothered	Apple	Volley ball Hunting Horseback riding	"Do say again!"	All	Reading Hiking	College Key puncher
Karen Huffman	LaDon	Dresses and dance	Being hen pecked	Strawberry	Tennis Hiking Horseback riding	What's matter?	All	Writing letters	College Key puncher
Vivian Menefee	Old Fashioned	Listening to music	Being bothered	Seafoods	Bicycling	What say?	English	Art	College Artist
Sandra Sherrard	Sandy	Dresses and dance	Liver	Seafoods	Tennis Horseback riding Swimming	"What for?" "Why?"	Mathematics English	Art	Key puncher
Alvin Short	Al	Pretty girls	Teasing	Apple pie	Bowling	"You know what"	Mathematics	Art	Artist
Patricia Breen	P.K.	Beatles	Math	Pizza	Bowling	Weird!	English	Records and radio	Getting through College
Louise Beach	Lucy	Boys	Cold People	Ice Cream	Swimming	Neat	Problems of Democracy	Reading	A good job

Class History

By KAREN HUFFMAN

Donald Annis was born in Harlem, Montana, on September 17, 1949. He became deaf from numiciciss meningitis when he was three. He enrolled at the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind in 1956. He recalls: He is always fond of riding on a horse on the ranch all the time. He lives in Chinook, Montana.

ACTIVITIES: Boy Scouts, 2, 3; Literary Society, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Sheri Eckhardt was born in Billings, Montana, on September 23, 1949. She became deaf from pneumonia She entered the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind in 1955. She recalls: She has always been interested in outdoor life, horseback riding, and hiking. Also she loves to sleep. She hails from Great Falls, Montana.

ACTIVITIES: Jr. National Association of the Deaf, 1, 2; Literary Society, 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Society Vice President, 3; Teen Debs, 1, 2; Girl Scouts, 2, 3, 4; Girl Scouts Patrol Leader, 3; Student Council, 2; Student Council Vice President, 2; Class President, 1; Class Secretary, 2, 4; Class Treasurer, 3.

Karen Huffman was born in Dillon, Montana, on January 5, 1949. She became deaf from spinal meningitis at the age of eighteen months. She attended the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind in 1955. She recalls: She has always liked monkey business. Her hometown is Dillon, Montana.

ACTIVITIES: Jr. National Association of the Deaf, 1, 2; Literary Society, 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Society President, 2; Girl Scouts Patrol Leader, 3; Girl Scouts, 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary, 1; Class Treasurer, 2, 4; Class President, 3; Teen Debs, 1, 2.

Vivian Menefee was born in Livingston, Montana, on December 30, 1948. The cause of her deafness was unknown. She was admitted to the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind in 1955. She recalls: She has been interested in bicycle riding and hiking. Her native town is Livingston, Montana.

ACTIVITIES: Jr. National Association of the Deaf, 1, 2; Class Vice President, 3; Teen Debs, 1, 2; Literary Society, 1, 2, 3, 4; Literary Society Treasurer, 4; Girl Scouts, 2, 3, 4; Student Council, 2.

Sandra Sherrard was born in Conrad, Montana, on July 29, 1949. She was born deaf. She enrolled at the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind in 1955. She recalls She has always been interested in horseback riding and traveling. She resides in Ledger, Montana.

ACTIVITIES: Jr. National Association of the Deaf, 1, 2; Teen Debs, 1, 2; Teen Debs President, 2; Literary Society, 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Vice President, 1, 2; Class President, 4; Girl Scouts, 2, 3, 4.

Alvin Short was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, on October 23, 1948. He has had a hearing loss since birth. He attended two public schools from 1956 to 1962, then entered an oral school from 1962-1965 before entering the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind in 1965. He hails from Great Falls, Montana.

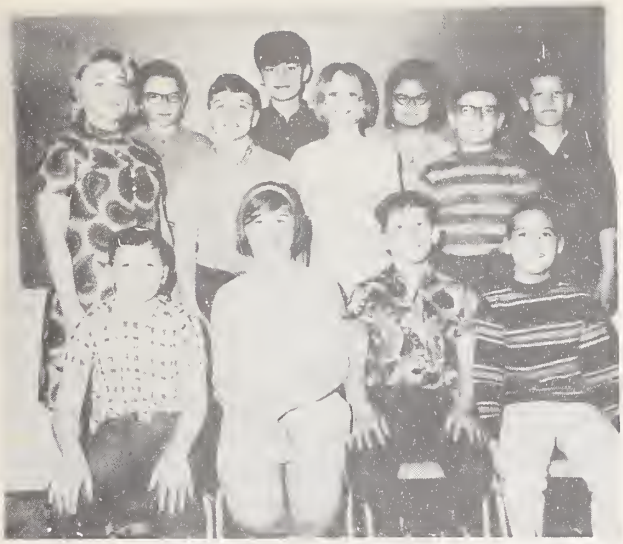
ACTIVITIES: Class Treasurer, 3.

LOUISE BEACH'S ACTIVITIES: Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Merry Makers, 1, 2, 3, 4; Play—Mouse That Roared, 3; Bowling, 3, 4; Swimming, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Trio, 2, 4;

PATRICIA BREEN'S ACTIVITIES: Chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Merry Makers, 1, 2.

NON-ROTATING CLASSES

Department for Hearing Handicapped



ROTATING CLASSES

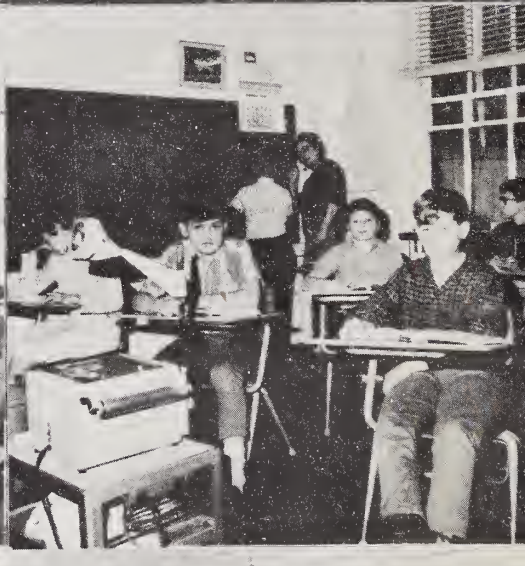
Department for Hearing Handicapped

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades
Department for Visually Impaired

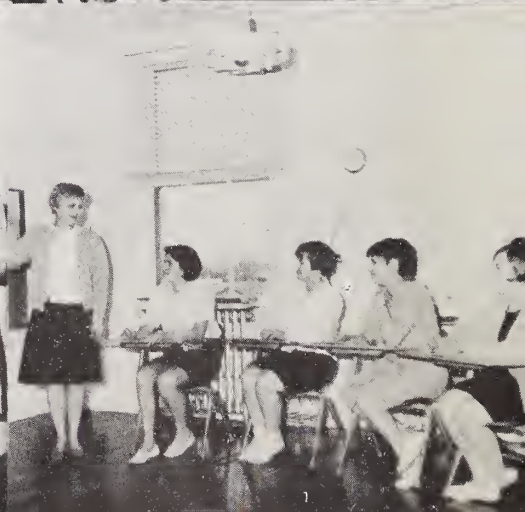
Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades
Department for Visually Impaired

6th and 7th Grades
Department for Visually Impaired

Rotating Classes
Department for Visually Impaired



DRIVER EDUCATION CAR



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DUCK POND

STATE OF MONTANA
SCHOOL FOR THE
DEAF & THE BLIND

Organizations

Collins Literary Society

President ... Douglas Westphal
Vice President ... Ellen Hulet
Secretary ... Bill Dess
Treasurer ... Vivian Menefee
Girls' Sgt.-at-arms Sandra Sherrard
Boys' Sgt.-at-arms ... Larry Smolik
Sponsors ... Mrs. McCollom, Miss Wheeler, Mr. MacArthur, Mrs. Erdmann and Mr. Bowling.

Boy Scouts

Patrol Leaders ... Jon Mullins and Terry Johnson
Scoutmaster ... Mr. Hartford
Assistant Scoutmaster Mr. Mullins
Committee ... Mr. Lenth, Mr. Davis and Mr. LeMieux

Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Leader of the Cadette Troop ... Mrs. VanTighem
Girl Scout Leaders of the Junior Troop ... Mrs. Hippe and Miss Seymour

Youth Fellowship Group

President ... Anita Sides
Vice President ... Sandra Sherrard
Secretary ... Sheri Eckhardt
Treasurer ... Karen Huffman
Sponsor ... Rev. Russell Johnson

Class of 1970

President ... Larry Smolik
Vice President ... Jerry Kuehne
Secretary ... Anita Sides
Treasurer ... Kathy Humphrey
Advisor ... Mrs. Hippe

Class of 1971

President ... Nancy Burns
Vice President ... Douglas Westphal
Secretary ... Judy Cox
Treasurer ... Bill Dess
Advisor ... Mrs. VanTighem

Merry Makers

President ... Joy Goodover
Vice President ... Debbie Bennett
Secretary ... Theresa Hain
Treasurer ... Beth Daniel
Flag Bearer ... Mike Graham
Advisor ... Miss Kennedy

Autographs

Old Montana

Take me back to old Montana
Where there's plenty o' room and air,
Where there's cottonwood and pine trees,
Bitter-root and prickly pear;
Where there ain't no pomp nor glitter,
Where a schillin's called a "bit",
Where at night the magpies twitter,
Where the Injun fights were fit.

Take me where the sage is plenty,
Where there's rattlesnakes and ticks,
Where a stack of "whites" cost twenty,
Where they don't sell gilded bricks;
Where the old Missouri river
An' the muddy Yellowstone
Make green patches in the Badlands
Where old Sittin' Bull was known.

Take me where there ain't no subways
Nor no forty-story shacks,
Where they shy at automobiles,
Dudes, plug hats, an' three-rail tracks;
Where the old sunburned prospector
Dreams of wealth and pans his dirt;
Where the sleepy night-herd puncher
Sings to steers and plys his quirt.

Take me where there's diamond hitches,
Ropes an' brands an' ca' tridge belts;
Where the boys wear chaps for britches,
Flannel shirts, and Stetson felts.
Land of sapphires an' gold!
Take me back to dear Montana,
Let me die there when I'm old.

—Author Unknown